



# Minutes NV COMMUNICATIONS STEERING COMMITTEE

<b>DATE</b>	June 6, 2006
<b>TIME</b>	1:30 PM
<b>LOCATION</b>	401 South Carson – Carson City 555 East Washington – Las Vegas
<b>RECORDER</b>	Maggie Thorne

## ATTENDANCE

<b>Carson City Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Las Vegas Members</b>	<b>Present</b>
Terry Savage, Co-Chair, DoIT	✓	Jack Staley, Co-Chair, LV Water Dist.	✓
Robert Chisel, NDOT	✓	Dennis Cobb, LV Metro Police	✓
Neil Harris, Elko Cty Sheriff's Office	✓	Anthony DeMeo, Nye County	✓
Mark Foxen, NV Health Division	✓	Rod Massey, Clark County	
Kay Scherer, Dept of CNR		Ronda Hornbeck, Lincoln Cty	
Major Bob Wideman, DPS		Louis Amell, City of LV Fire Dept	✓
Adam Garcia, Police, UNR	✓	Greg Marchio, US Secret Service	✓
Jake Conely, Sparks Fire Dept	✓	Theodore Quasula, LV Paiute Tribe	✓
Dan Newell, City of Yerington	✓	Brett Primas, LV Metro Police	✓
James Johns, Reno Police Dept	✓	Bob Fisher, NV Broadcasters Assn.	
Chris Lake, NV Hospital Association	✓		
Dan Holler, Douglas County			
Pete Menicucci, NV Nat'l Guard	✓		

## Staff

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>
Mark Blomstrom, DoIT	✓	Glade Myler, Legal Counsel	✓
Maggie Thorne, DoIT	✓	Dave McTeer, Administration	✓

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Terry Savage called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

## II ROLL CALL/MINUTES

Maggie Thorne conducted the roll call. Present: 17 members, Absent: 16.

The minutes from the 04/06/06 were reviewed. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried.**

## III. CHAIRMAN REPORT

Terry Savage reported that the Commission has also approved Version 2 of the Communications Interoperability Plan without amendments. Terry also told members that Maggie put together a brief overview presentation of the plan that members could use and copies may be requested through her. Terry mentioned that he and Mark Blomstrom met earlier in the day at the Clark County School System providing an

educational talk on Interoperability. Terry asked Maggie to block on the next agenda 5 minutes for reports from each sub-committee.

**IV. NEW MEMBER**

Terry welcomed Brett Primas, Captain from the Las Vegas Police Department as a new member of the Committee.

**V. DISCUSSION ON NEIL HARRIS REQUEST CONCERNING CORE FOUR.**

Neil Harris, Elko Sheriff presented to the group his strong feelings that there should be a core five, rather than just the core four. He indicated that six counties in the North have been meeting together and have formed the Northern Nevada Area Communications Consortium (NNACC). They are hoping to obtain monies to put together a single switch allowing them all to communicate. A few western counties are also considering coming on board with NNACC: Lyon, Douglas, Storey, Churchill, Carson City and possibly Mineral counties. Neil distributed a few hard copies of the NNACCs drafted by-laws and MOU and Maggie was asked to send all members copies of those documents.

After much discussion in which members were all receptive and agreed with the general concept Neil Harris's was proposing, Neil was asked to come back with a proposal to NCSC. This proposal would need to show that NNACC's legal status with corporate spending authority that includes single signature authority and a clear defining of its linkage. Each of the current Core Four members has those attributes. Jack Staley offered his assistance and told Neil to contact him directly. Neil agreed and Terry said that the Committee looked forward to a proposed plan amendment next month from Neil Harris and this would be an agenda item.

**VI. GRANTS UPDATE**

Mark Blomstrom reported that Nevada received \$20.5 million dollars in grant money from the Feds. He indicated on June 21 and 22, 80 plus people will be meeting in Las Vegas to consider the original priorities as identified, a tentative budget plan and will put together a proposal on how the money should be delegated. The top two ranked investment justifications were interoperable communications and terrorist early warning group. This proposal will then go to the Finance Sub-Committee of HSC and then to the Commission as the whole. A tentative June 29 date is set for the HSC. Once the Commission approves, things will proceed but Mark indicated we probably won't see the actual funds from the Feds for approximately 2 months, perhaps the end of July. Members asked who the group of 80 was and whether this meeting would be Open to the public. Glade Myler indicated that the group was a working group and did not fall under the Open Meeting Laws and Mark indicated that Frank Sircusa (DPS) or Jim O'Brien (Clark County) would be the one to ask for a list of members.

Mark also indicated that an RFP Development subcommittee needs to be formed. The NCSC will be the oversight entity for the overall interoperable communications investment program. This subcommittee needs to start working now on a 2-year expenditure/implementation window identified by the Feds.

Terry asked that if anyone was interested in being on the subcommittee, to contact him or otherwise be drafted, and that at the next meeting would put a subcommittee together.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jim Johns asked if an update report on the grants and HSC decision would be on the next agenda and Terry said it would be.

Glade Myler mentioned that the meeting of the 80 folks in Vegas may turn into an Open Meeting and it is still being considered.

In view of time constraints in scheduling meetings, Maggie Thorne requested that subcommittee meetings be held in conjunction with regularly NCSC meetings either before or after. Terry felt it was a great idea and asked for Maggie to contact the Subcommittee Chairs to get that going.

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm. Terry mentioned that the next meeting is scheduled for July 4<sup>th</sup>, but due to the holiday, he indicated another day would be selected and members would be notified.

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Draft minutes submitted by Maggie Thorne, 06/09/06

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_